

Grass Lawn  
720 East Beach Boulevard  
Gulfport  
Harrison County  
Mississippi

HABS No. MS-168

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Mississippi	COUNTY Harrison	TOWN OR VICINITY Gulfport
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Grass Lawn		HABS NO. MS-168
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Milner House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 720 E. Beach Boulevard		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Pre-Civil War	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Dr. Hiram Alexander Roberts	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of Dr. Hiram A. Roberts, a major Mississippi landowner and surgeon who also maintained sugar plantations in Louisiana.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Pegged construction with timbers of hand-hewn longleaf pine and walls of cypress.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Asbestos-covered hipped roof, corbeled cap chimney, wooden ballustrades enclose the galleries on both floors.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) A service stairway connects the upper and lower rear galleries, ceiling medallions of deep concentrics of torus moldings.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE In 1902, the house was sold to John Kennedy Milner who later became owner of the Coast Coca-Cola Bottling Company, one of the foremost firms of its kind in Mississippi.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination Form, July 1972.		
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